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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on October 1, 2003 totaled 270,000 head, down 4 percent from October 1, 2002 inventory, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was up 10 percent from the number on hand September 1, 2003. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 82,000 head, up 13,000 from September 2002 placements. Marketings during September totaled 56,000 head, down 7,000 from the September 2002 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head on October 1, 2003. The inventory was 2 percent below October 1, 2002 and 8 percent below October 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, 13 percent above 2002 and 16 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.41 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 698,000, 600-699 pounds were 545,000, 700-799 pounds were 610,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 621,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 2.03 million, 10 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during September, 19 percent above 2002 and 37 percent above 2001.

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